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AUSTIN HONORS ALEXANDRIA'S JODI HOWELL, INDIANA'S MISS BASKETBALL 2005

INDIANAPOLIS – Alexandria's Jodi Howell, recently named Indiana's Miss Basketball 2005, was honored today by State Rep. Terri Austin (D-Anderson) during session at the Indiana House of Representatives.

"I'm so excited to be at the Statehouse today," said Howell. "This is my first time here and I feel so honored to be recognized by Indiana's House members."

Howell, 18, averaged 28.7 points per game her senior year. For her career, she shot 85.5 percent from the free throw line, 57.8 percent from the floor, and 42.4 percent on 3-pointers. She had the opportunity to play on The Associated Press All-State team both her sophomore and junior years of high school and will wear the No. 1 jersey in the annual All-Star series with Kentucky this June.

"Jodi had a fantastic high school basketball record with 2,026 career points, ranking her 17th in Indiana history," said Austin. "And she holds this record despite missing her junior season due to a knee injury.

"Not only is Jodi a terrific basketball player, but she also works hard at school, earning a 4.0 grade average," she added. "I'm so proud to have the opportunity to honor this talented young woman who is such a great role model for all young Hoosiers."

The new Miss Basketball received the title from votes cast by high school girls basketball coaches around the state and members of the media for the award, which is sponsored by the *Indianapolis Star*.

After graduation, Howell will attend Purdue University where she will be part of their women's basketball team.